

STATEMENT FOR HEARING

SB361 DELIVERY EMPLOYEES – REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE – REQUIREMENT

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to speak today. For the record, I am Senator Johnny Ray Salling.

While every year the State Legislature debates minimum wage, reimbursement for delivery drivers often gets overlooked. Currently, a delivery driver may receive a wage (per hour), credit card tips, and sometimes “delivery bonus” depending on the delivery policy for each business. Too often, these small bonuses are not enough to cover the mileage of every trip, fuel costs, and the like.

However, business owners receive roughly \$3-\$5 in delivery fees, and a very small portion of that goes to delivery drivers. This bill would allow mileage to be computed using a recognized vendor, such as Google Maps, and have the employer take responsibility for reimbursing the delivery personnel at the established rate by the IRS, which is 65.5 cents per mile.

I ask for a favorable report on this bill.